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SUBJECT: PANAM CHOOSES STAFF VICE PRESIDENT BLAKE AS

NEW TAP TEAM LEADER

REF: KINSHASA 4303

1. ERSKINE RICE INFORMED AF/C JUNE 3 THAT PANAM HAS CHOSEN STAFF VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS ROBERT BLAKE TO REPLACE HUTT AS TAP TEAM LEADER. RICE INTENDS INFORM INONGA BY CABLE LATER THIS WEEK. BLAKE WILL ARRIVE KINSHASA THURSDAY JUNE 5 FOR THREE WEEKS TO RELIEVE MIX AND WILL THEN SPEND TWO WEEKS BACK IN NEW YORK CLEARING UP HIS AFFAIRS BEFORE RETURNING KINSHASA WITH FAMILY TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE.

2. BLAKE IS MIT GRAD WITH GRADUATE DEGREE FROM COLUMBIA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS. HE WAS PANAM'S RESIDENT DIRECTOR AT BOEING DURING DEVELOPMENT AND INITIAL DELIVERIES OF 747 AND ALSO SPENT THREE YEARS AT BORDEAUX AS RESIDENT DIRECTOR AT DASSAULT. FOR THREE AND A HALF YEARS HE SERVED AS TAP TEAM LEADER, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER OF ARIANA (AFGHAN) AIRLINES. HE IS A USN-TRAINED PILOT.

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3. AF/C HAS PASSED RICE GIST OF REFTTEL. RICE GRATEFUL

FOR INFORMATION AND HAS ASSURED US HE WILL USE IT FOR  
HIS OWN BACKGROUND ONLY AND THAT IT WILL NOT GET BACK  
TO MIX.

4. COMMENT: RICE SEEMS HOPEFUL BLAKE CAN GET TAP  
OUT OF POLITICAL ROUGH BACK ONTO OPERATIONAL FAREWAY,  
BUT, "IF THIS ONE DOESN'T WORK, I'LL THROW THE CONTRACT  
AT THEM." INGERSOLL

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